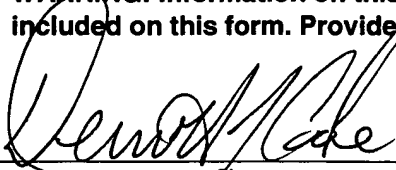
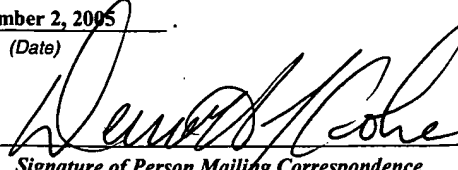
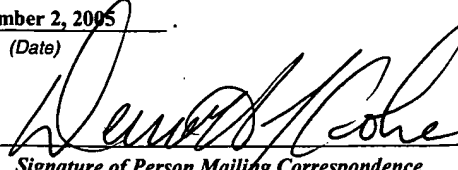
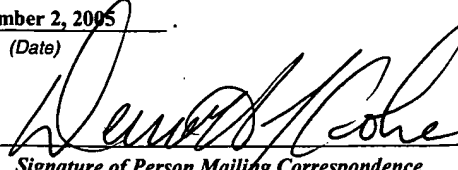


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005. Entry and reconsideration of the claims in view thereof is respectfully requested.

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